

**STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, DARLINGTON. DL1 5QT
MONDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2021**

PRESENT –

Jenny Uzzell (Group A Paganism), Dr Kumari (Group A Hinduism), Rev Paul Baker (Group B Church of England), Councillor C L B Hughes, Councillor Curry and Fiona Rankin (Group C The National Association of School Teacher/Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT))

Co-opted Members – Jan Mole (Co-opted Member of SACRE)

Officers – Allison Hill (Democratic Officer)

APOLOGIES – Kelsang Dragden (Group A Buddhism), Dr MA Quader (Group A The Islamic Society of Darlington), Morvyn Sanderson (Group A The Methodist Church), Bess Robertson (Group A Darlington Hebrew Congregation (Judaism)), Meg Thomson (Group A Darlington United Reformed Church), Councillor Clarke and M Fryer (Co-opted Member of SACRE)

111 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

112 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SACRE HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY 2021

Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this SACRE held on 8 February 2021.

IT WAS AGREED – That the Minutes be approved as a correct record.

113 SACRE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20

The Group Director of People submitted a report (previously circulated) to present for consideration the Annual Report of this SACRE for the academic year 2019-2020.

Following approval by Members the Annual Report is to be submitted to the National Association of Standing Advisory Councils on Religious Education (NASACRE) and the Department for Education (DfE).

IT WAS AGREED – That the Annual Report for the academic year 2019-2020 be approved and forwarded to NASACRE and the DfE.

114 2020 DFE SCHOOL WORKFORCE CENSUS

Submitted – analysis of the 2020 Department for Education (DfE) School Workforce Census (previously circulated) reported by schools to the DfE as part of the school census in November 2020.

Members discussed the analysis of the questionnaire and noted that generally in schools RE Teachers were confident when teaching the subject; 50 per cent of schools were averagely resources and 42 per cent well resources; and only one school did not have more than one teacher teaching RE in their school.

It was also noted that there had been positive results in exam uptake.

IT WAS AGREED – That the results of the 2020 DfE School Workforce Census be noted.

115 SCHOOLS QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE LOCALLY AGREED SYLLABUS - PRIMARY AND SECONDARY

Submitted – Updated Survey Monkey results of the questionnaire circulated to all schools regarding use of the Darlington Locally Agreed Syllabus (previously circulated) which was submitted to the meeting of SACRE held on 5 July 2021 which was inquorate.

The results of the questionnaire showed that 73.91 per cent of schools who answered currently use the Syllabus however 69.57 per cent expressed an opinion that the syllabus needed to be changed, confirming the decision to review the current Locally Agreed Syllabus in Darlington.

It was noted that 43.48 per cent of those schools that answered felt that the current Syllabus did not reflect the history of faith in our local community, in particular Darlington communities such as the Quakers. Members agreed that Agreed Syllabus Conference review of the Syllabus take this into consideration with the suggestion of a specific work unit included on Quakerism.

IT WAS AGREED – That the results of the questionnaire be noted.

116 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

IT WAS AGREED – That the next meeting be held on 21 March 2022 commencing at 4.30 p.m. to maximise attendance.